

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") are brought to the attention of the Office. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The items identified in this IDS may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. The submission thereof by Applicant is not to be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 CFR § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 USC § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicant as such.

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Office	e action after filing a request	for continued examination under § 1.114. Thus, no fee is required.
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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Pateril, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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		However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant respectfully requests		
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		A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required. In the event that this IDS is not received before a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the filing of these papers to be submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the deposit account below.		
This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d), that is after a Final Action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, but before payment of the issue fee. A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below. The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.				
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required by the filing of these papers, and to credit				
any overpayment to Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475.				
Dated: February 23, 2001 By:	Respectfully submitted, LYON & LYON LLP William A. English Reg. No. 42,515			

Enclosures: 34 Prior Art References

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